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U.S. citizen, convicted arms dealer who maintains close ties to known underworld figures.

1. Com (Robinson), a black Bahamian who resides in Nassau, Bahamas, recently has made foreign enquiries into the possibility of hiring armed mercenaries to be used in an attempt to overthrow the Government of Prime Minister Lyndon O. (Pindling). During a meeting with non-Bahamians, who have close ties with foreign arms dealers, that took place outside of the Bahamas Robinson stated that he represents elements of the Bay Street merchants of Nassau, and that funds are available for action against the Bahamian Government. According to Robinson, his group is looking for foreign assistance in the planning, equipping, and execution of a coup against the Government. He said that there are many Bahamians who are in sympathy with his planned course of action, and that after full details are worked out and the required funds are set aside, he will convene another meeting with the foreigners in order to finalize the appropriate arrangements.

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